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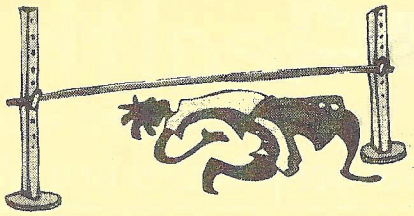

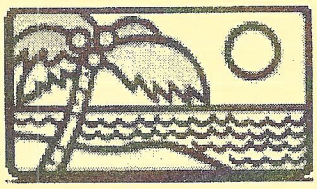

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Bar Hill Residents' Association

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Letters to the Editor

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I was driving round the perimeter road on Sunday 29 December at around 11.30am and as I was passing the entrance of Oatlands/Partridge I noticed a car had stopped, the owner got out and he threw a Tesco bag full of rubbish onto the bridlepath. I pulled in at Cambridge Optical to get his registration number as he drove past and noticed he drove into Tesco where there are numerous rubbish bins, why did he chose to be a litter lout and not wait and use the litterbins at Tesco? This man had children in his car, what a fine example he is showing them!! The car was a dark green VW Polo, is this a member of your family or a neighbour?

Bar Hill has a huge problem with litter on the ring road mainly coming from the industrial units, are the Council unable to do anything about this? One solution would be for the companies who use the industrial estate to pay for it to be cleared once a month. There is also a huge problem with litter at the Tesco/ Mall area, are Tesco not to be held accountable at all, they did used to employ a man who cleared the area around the old shop and mall, why do they not still employ someone?

Adrienne Burns, Pheasant Rise

Dear Editor

I feel saddened that I have to write this letter, but it is done hoping the persons involved may see this letter and realise they have spoilt what has become, for many, a great joy at Christmas. For the past few years I have decorated the front of my house in Watermead with an ever growing amount of Christmas lights, this however will be the last time my lights go up at the front of my house and in future will be placed from public view in my back garden. Twice this year my house has had eggs thrown at it hitting the kitchen window, inside this sounds like a bomb going off, I have had to clean my windows at 10.30pm which is not my idea of fun. I know of lots of parents who bring there children to see our display and it seems such a shame that the sprit of Christmas is ruined by such acts. Maybe these people will understand a little better when they have children of their own.

Ian Francis

Dear Editor,

I would take issue with the brief article in the Dec/Jan edition under the heading Police Surgery.

On the one occasion I and other villagers turned up for the 'Surgery' the police no only failed to appear but failed to advise the Parish Clerk they would not be there.

PC Misik should understand 'interest' is two-way.

C.R.Macer

Dear Editor,

Residents of Hollytrees, Bar Hill, will have noticed that only one cul-de-sac in Hollytrees has had its footpath resurfaced. Is this a coincidence or is it because County Councillor John Reynolds lives in that cul-de sac and that the local Conservative Party held their Christmas lunch in Mr. Reynold's house where our M. P. Andrew Lansley was invited to attend? Perhaps John could investigate why only his cul-de-sac was resurfaced and the rest of Hollytrees' paths were not.

When asked on previous occasions about repairs to other footpaths within the village, some of which are in a dangerous condition, his standard answer has always been "There is no money for repairs" So where did the money come from to resurface the footpath in the cul-de-sac where Councillor Reynolds lives?

Perhaps Councillor Reynolds could write to the B.H.N. giving his response.

Yours faithfully,
Michael Boughton-Fox.

John Reynolds replies...

The County Council as part of its budget setting last year provided some resources to fund repairs to estate footways.

Last summer a local disabled resident complained to a Parish Councillor and myself about the state of the footway. The Divisional Surveyor, who is responsible for managing the local footway repair budget, was informed and visited to assess the footways condition. Part of the footway was repaired and the rest received a slurry seal.

The issue of general village footway repairs was raised at a Parish Council (PC) meeting in the autumn. I was informed that the PC were thinking of preparing a list of footways that need repairing. I suggested that these should be put in priority order and submitted to the Divisional Surveyor.

I understand that the Divisional Surveyor has secured a provisional bid for resources in the first quarter of the new financial year to carry out additional footway repairs in the village.

J.E.Reynolds

It's now two months since the launch of Andy's Kars and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the people that have given us their support and encouragement during this time. We are very pleased to see many friendly, well-known faces, along with the new ones too!

Many of you will recognise the team here headed by myself, Andy, with Richard and Andrew in the workshop and Jackie in the office. You will hopefully also meet and come to know my family, without whom this would not have been possible, Jan who assists Jackie in the office, Russell who helps out in the workshop and Emma who assists with bookwork.

We look forward to a long and happy relationship with all our friends from the past, in the present and those we have yet to meet!

Please feel free to call in and visit, or telephone on 01954 782666 if there is any information or assistance you require.

Andy Kent

From your County Councillor

COUNCIL TAX AND THE BUDGET

As usual at this time of year we are about to start our round of public consultations on our budget and the sort of levels of council tax that we might charge.

Those of you who have heard our latest government settlement being hyped up might be surprised - outraged in some cases - at the level upon which we are consulting. Why, they reasonably ask, when you have finally been given Area Cost Adjustment and one of the largest rises in the country, are you suggesting council tax rises of between 6% and 12%?

One cannot deny that the government's suggested figure for what we should spend in total is pretty well correct. Its new name is Formula Spending Share (FSS) and it replaces the old Standard Spending Assessment (SSA) which some of us were just starting to understand. Our FSS for next year will be around £450M; and there is no doubt that we can build an acceptable budget around that level of spending. However, there are two snags from the council tax payer's perspective.

The new FSS is a much higher figure than was the old SSA; and that is supposed to recognise that all authorities were spending well in excess of their SSA figure. However, in making that change, the government did not increase the scale of its own contribution. Nationally the only increase in the government's share was that occasioned by the annual "spending uplift" to reflect inflation and population changes. The end result is that the government will be funding a lower percentage of the FSS than it did of the SSA; ipso facto the council tax payer will have to pay a higher percentage. As I have mentioned previously, there is also the Resource Equalisation change, which takes money away from places with high house prices and transfers it to places where they are lower; in practical terms, this takes money away from Shire Counties in the South and gives it to Metropolitan Boroughs in the North. Given that the government's suggested figure for council tax rises is 6.2% - and ignoring Gordon Brown's Autumn Statement that he was now planning to take an additional £3.2 Billion from council tax payers over 2 years - it seems reasonable to assume that the average Shire County rise will be well in excess of 6%. My own view (and only time will tell) is that it will be in double figures.

However, the second snag is even more difficult. Thanks to the imposition of "floors and ceilings" (which again I have mentioned previously) Cambridgeshire will not receive the whole of the grant to support its new FSS straight away. The government is with holding £10M of its supporting grant until next year - indeed the "ceilings" limit may stretch the final correction into a third year. The amount witheld equates to something like 7% on the council tax.

The above encapsulates the dilemma facing the council's executive. We have long argued for a fairer settlement from government to reflect the cost of providing services in this area. If we were to spend significantly below the FSS level, we would be accepting that the increase was not strictly speaking necessary; with obvious implications for the future.

Of course there is a strong argument that we should only pass on to the budget a proportion of the increase to match the limited increase in government support, As always, that seductive argument is not as simple as it sounds. If we did that in terms of school budgets, for instance, our schools would not get a standstill budget next year i.e. they would not be able to replicate next year what they have done this year. As a cabinet, we would find that unacceptable. Merely as an aside, the government has also announced that the Secretary of State reserves the right to call in our budget and change it if we do not "passport" the full increase in FSS to schools. When we queried how this applied to councils not yet getting their full grant support, the answer was that this made no difference; the increase in FSS was what counted.

I know that many of you will not like the council tax levels we are proposing; and I am particularly conscious of their impact upon pensioners and those with fixed incomes. We will continue to press the government that these high rises require some kind of protection mechanism for pensioners. We have noted that the Secretary of State has also taken powers to himself to vary the council tax bands without further legislation. This is, I believe, to allow him to introduce a greater number of bands during the next revaluation exercise. However, it could also give him the legal power to introduce a special band for OAPs; if we can make enough fuss (and fire up enough MPs) we might get a result there.

As you prepare to take your part in this month's public consultation process - and I hope that as many as possible of you will come forward to let us know your views - here are a few final snippets with which to arm yourselves. Firstly, with regard to how good this settlement is: if we had got the whole increase in one go, that would have moved us from THE lowest funded county to the eighth lowest out of 34. With the "holdback" we are clearly well below eighth lowest; we are not "awash with money" as some are suggesting.

Take the Social Services budget, for instance. The new FSS for Social Services (i.e. the government's suggested figure for next year's spending on that service) will represent a £11M increase over this years's suggested figure. But this year's Social Services budget is set £18M above this year' s suggested figure and is proving very difficult to manage. So that problem would hardly have gone away with this seltlement - even if we had received it in full.

Finally, remember the £10M holdback, equivalent to 7% on the council tax. If we had received the lot, this budget consultation would be about council tax rises of 5%, 2% or a reduction of 1% rather than the 12%, 9% and 6% that you will see. I am hoping it will be possible to achieve a spend around the FSS level and still manipulate the council tax rise down to around the 9% mark. But if the majority of you really want the 6% figure and the massive cuts that it entails then, to quote Yosser "We can do that." Come out and make your voices heard.

John Reynolds
County Councillor Girton Ward

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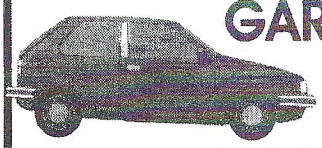

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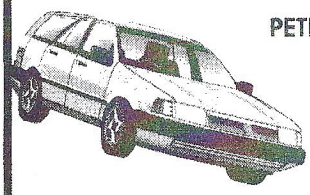

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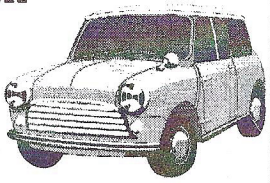

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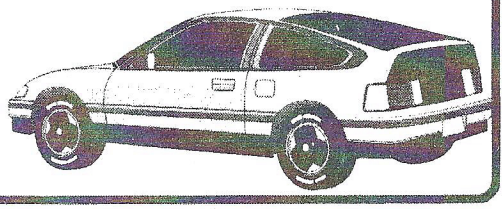

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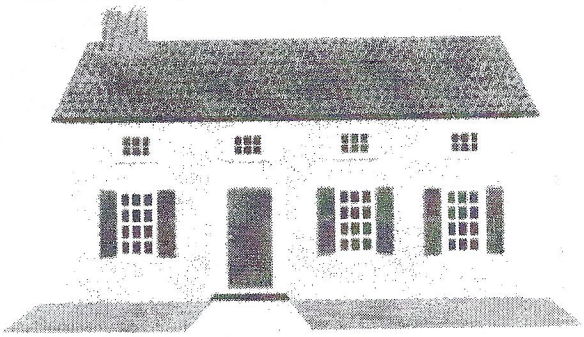

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'Wings' in the Hedgerow

Walk along the footpaths and bridleways at this time of the year and you will hear before you see the calls of Fieldfare, Redwing and Blackbirds.

Blackbirds are resident all year; Fieldfares and Redwings came from Scandinavia down to Britain, among other places for the winter.

Everyone knows what a Blackbird looks like, the name gives it away... it's black, but say Fieldfare and a lot of people aren't sure, well it looks like a big Song Thrush, grey head, speckled breast, grey back tail, to be seen in the hedgerows feeding on Hawthorn berries mainly but will take others – Cotoneaster, Pyracantha etc., it's a bird of open countryside and fields and always seems to have been, judging by its name, which dates back to the middle English Fieldfare, which means field Wanderer or Traveller as in wayfarers.

Poet John Clave in the 'Shepherd's Calendar' referred to the Fieldfare...

Flocking Fieldfares, speckled like a Thrush,
Picking the red haw from the sweeing bush
That come and go on winters chilling wing
And seem to share no sympathy with spring.

Which now brings me to the Redwing, it is the smallest British Thrush, flocks arrive in the autumn, and are often associated with the Fieldfare, adults are readily identified by the striking orange red patches on their flanks and underwing areas.

The name Redwing is an obvious reference to the plumage, although only since about the 17th century, its call, a whining note, is also known as 'Wind Thrush' or 'Whining Thrush'.

So if you feel inclined, get your boots and jacket on and walk along a footpath in this beautiful countryside of ours, even in the depths of winter birds will be there singing, a couple of the best songsters at this time of year are the Robin and the Wren soon to be followed by the Song Thrush.

See you out there!

Nick Richardson
Mobile 07786950684

Holiday Club Meeting

Monday 10th February at 7.30pm in the Main Church for all those interested in helping at this year's Holiday Club. Come and find out this year's theme! If you wish to help at the Holiday Club but are unable to attend the meeting please let Gary Renison (781629) or Claire Thorby (781527) know.

'ALL CHANGE' at Bar Hill Library

Bar Hill Library will be closed for a short period beginning Tuesday 25th February reopening on Wednesday 5th March.

This closure is to enable building alterations that will ensure that your local library complies with new legislation from the Disability Discrimination Act.

Everyone visiting the library should benefit as both sets of entrance doors are to be made automatic. The library counter will also be changed, lowering one section to allow comfortable access for wheel chair users and Hearing Loops will be installed at the counter to assist the hearing impaired.

When the library is reopened after the alterations **new opening hours** will be in place. There is no cut in the number of hours open just some changes to maximise the times when most current users visit the library.

The **new** hours will be:

Monday	2.00pm – 6.00pm
Tuesday	**CLOSED ALL DAY**
Wednesday	10.00am – 1.00pm
	2.00pm – 7.00pm
Thursday	10.00am – 1.00pm
	2.00pm – 7.00pm
Friday	2.00pm – 7.00pm
Saturday	9.30am – 1.00pm

Further information about the closure during alterations and the new opening hours are available from the library whose **current** opening hours are:

Monday	2.00pm – 6.00pm
Tuesday	**CLOSED ALL DAY**
Wednesday	10.00am – 6.00pm
Thursday	2.00pm – 8.00pm
Friday	2.00pm – 8.00pm
Saturday	9.30am – 1.00pm

The main differences when the library reopens, after the alterations are completed, will be opening on Thursday mornings and closure on late evenings at 7.00pm instead of 8.00pm

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But there's a problem. Our region is a very rural one and broadband is arriving slower than elsewhere in the country. The East of England Development Agency (EEDA) is working to make sure everyone in the region who wants broadband, can access it. There are two things we'd like you to know about.

1. www.demandbroadband.com. If you want broadband please go to this site and register. Tell your friends too. We'll be telling the companies who supply broadband where the demand is and encouraging them to connect you as soon as possible

2. We've also launched the Connecting Communities competition. EEDA has £3M to provide communities like yours, with broadband. All you have to do is get at least six of you together, fill out the entry form (available from the website or by calling 0845 601 8824) and enter.

If you can't get broadband and want it, click on the www.demandbroadband.com website now and join the campaign.

Hopefully, at least five other people will join Harry Welburn by registering on www.demandbroadband.com (a very easy process) and then contacting Harry on 782007. It is hoped that a meeting can be held early in February, before the Parish Council meeting (which is on 20th Feb.). Harry has an entry form from EEDA, and hopes that the Parish Council can offer some practical support for a Bar Hill bid to this £3M competition.

Tots and Teds

Tots and Teds is a friendly group of parents and carers who meet in the Meetings-Room in the Church Centre. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays are all Pay and Play sessions and are open to all pre-school children. These are payable in advance or on the day: whichever you find more convenient. Tuesday sessions are for 18 months to 3 years and Thursday sessions are, currently, 0 to 18 months only. Both sessions are bookable and payable termly in advance.Each session is open from 9.45- 11.15 and includes free refreshments for both children and adults.

We have a wide range of activities and toys including painting, gluing, play dough, messy play, sand, prams, bikes, books, activity toys and puzzles and much more. We also have a safe enclosed garden to play in with lots of large outdoor toys. To book a session or for more information, please contact Anna on **205870**.

Welcome back after the break. I'm sure you will notice a few changes this term. Some sessions have changed and we also said goodbye to Louise at the end of last term.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 2nd April. A.G.M. 8.00pm in the Meetings Room.

Yes, it's that time year again when committee members move on with their children to other groups and we have several positions to fill. Please consider joining the committee and making a difference to your child's time at Tots and Teds. We can't run without your support. if you would like to help but feel that you cannot commit to being a committee member then you could consider becoming a 'friend'. 'Friends' help out whenever we need help at fund-raising events and are much needed, but less involved with the running of Tots and Teds. For more information, or to join the new committee, please ask your supervisor and keep an eye on the notice board.

Wednesday 16th April 10.00 to 12.00 in the Meetings Room. Sponsored Easter Obstacle Course.

This event is open to all children up to the age of 8 years. they do not have to come to Tots and Teds or be sponsored in order to come along on the day.

For details on playdays please look at the noticeboard at sessions.

Kirsten Goodfield.

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Sessions are free of charge, although we do ask for a donation. Refreshments will be provided.

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These sessions are provided by Community Education as part of Family Learning.

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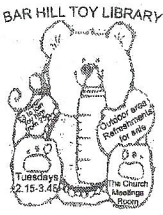

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Our session is every Tuesday be-tween 2.15pm and 3.45pm in the Church Meetings Room. Refreshments are available and with no obligation to borrow every week, you can just come along and play.

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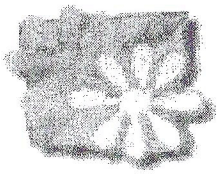

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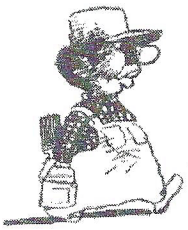

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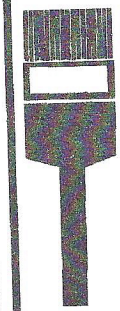

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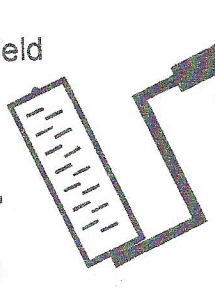

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Sunshine Pre-School & Sunbeams

We are members of the PLA (Pre-school Learning Alliance). We are situated adjacent to the school; we feel this is of real benefit to the children due to start in reception as they are more aware of 'what will happen next'.

Our Session times are:

Weekdays	9.00 - 11.30am
Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri	12.30 - 3.00pm
Thursdays (Sunbeams)	1.00 - 3.00 pm

With the introduction of the new Early Learning Goals we feel it is particularly important that the children have the resources to learn through PLAY. We cover all the goals, Language/Literacy, Maths, Personal & Social, Knowledge & Understanding of the World, Creative and Physical. These are catered for by a wide range of activities incorporating sand and water, construction, painting, crafts and also very important with today's growing emphasis on I.T. in education, with the use of a PC. The children have a varied choice of software that includes number and matching games, sorting and language and literacy, all of which aid the learning process.

We have a well-equipped outdoor area, with climbing, balancing and ride on toys, all of which assist with physical development. There is a playhouse where role-play can take place; this allows their imagination and creative skills to come into their own.

We have a break for milk and fruit during each session. Please feel free to bring some buns or biscuits when it is your child's birthday and we will be happy to celebrate their special day with them. (We supply the candles!).

We welcome parents who have some spare time to come and help during a session; even if your child is receiving vouchers, you are still able to join in should you choose to.

We have dedicated staff who are always on hand to offer support, help and advice and answer any questions you may have. They all have the best interests of your child at heart when it comes to encouraging the learning process. If you think your child would enjoy some sessions in our setting please feel free to drop in and see us - don't forget to bring your child!

Sunbeams

This is a session for children aged between 12 - 36 months. It is now a 'Pay & Play' session, as we appreciate that you cannot always attend on a regular basis. Sunbeams takes place on Thursdays from 1 - 3pm, and is only £1.75.

We provide a wide range of activities to keep your little ones amused. Weather permitting they have the opportunity to enjoy the garden and the outdoor toys.

We are happy to hire out the building at weekends and during the holidays for parties and events.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Useful Numbers

Sunshine building	**789099**
Hire of Sunshine (Tracy)	**200918**
Administrator (Vicky)	**205497**

(Before 7pm weekdays only).

Hope to see you soon.

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DO YOU NEED A CHILDMINDER ?

Are you looking for a childminder in Bar Hill? If so, phone Jackie on 780249 for a up to date list of childminders who have got available places.

THE NEW SCOUT AND GUIDE HEADQUARTERS

The Scout association and the Guide association here in Bar Hill are joining together to hopefully get a new joint purpose built building.

The current Scout Hut is well past its best, and it is costing a lot to keep it in a usable state.

The Guides, Brownies and Rainbows are scattered throughout several locations and would like to bring everyone together under one roof.

With a venture like this we are looking to set up a committee to oversee the building from the outset. We are looking for a Chairperson, a secretary and a Treasurer. The committee will be supported by at least 2 members from each group.

As well as this committee we are looking for anybody who could help in any of the following areas:

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Yours in Scouting
Phil Seekings
200918

Yours in Guiding
Wendy Arrowsmith
781381

Discovering Archives from the Inside

The Cambridgeshire Archives Service is looking for volunteers to help them in a major project, which will be taking place at Bar Hill. In 2005, Cambridgeshire County Council plans to open a new Historical Resource and Cultural Centre, incorporating space for Arts, Archaeology, Museums and Archives. The Archives Service is faced with the tremendous task of ensuring that all our precious books and documents can be moved conveniently and safely to their new strongrooms. In preparation for this, we are planning a programme for boxing and packaging a wide range of archives, and of adding data to our computerised lists.

This will be a rare opportunity for people from outside the Service to find out what archivists and conservators actually do, and help us do it. Archives, and the documents in their collections, are the raw materials of history; if truth lies anywhere, it's in these unvarnished accounts of the past. Once papers are no longer useful, they become neglected, then forgotten... then fascinating. Many wonderful pages have been rescued from cupboards, or attics, or coal-holes; and sometimes they look it. We will need help to clean them, keep them in order, and record the details that will allow historians to make use of them. Our conservator will be supervising the project, and will be able to show you how to handle documents carefully and considerately; how to clean them; the kinds of damage they can suffer; the purpose of archival packaging; and how to note damage for future conservation. Our archivists will be able to give short sessions on how original documents are used, and how they are classified and listed. If you enjoy finding a window into Cambridgeshire's past, and leaving that window a little easier for others to open, this is your chance.

The work will be carried out at our outstore at Trafalgar Way, Bar Hill (two blocks and a roundabout from Tesco) under the guidance of our Conservator. We hope to have sessions one or two afternoons every week, starting around the middle of February. Word processor skills would be an advantage, but are not necessary. If you have ever wanted to get a hands-on introduction to historical archives, please contact:

Mrs. Deborah Rohan,
Conservator,
Cambridgeshire Archives Service,
Shire Hall, RES1009,
Castle Hill, Cambridge CB3 0AP.
Telephone: (01223) 717297
E-mail:
Deborah.Rohan@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas, without any problems, and I wish you a very happy 2003.

Pre Christmas there were a number of people who suffered loss of property from their cars. This was not because packages were left 'visible' to passers by but, when the shopping was part done and put into the boot, there were opportunist thieves watching. These unscrupulous people then waited until the owners had gone to continue the shopping and then broke into their cars and stole the property. Although the Christmas rush is long past, and sales are coming to an end, it is still worthwhile remembering to keep an eye out for suspicious characters when leaving anything in a car on a busy car park. Ifyou need to leave the house even for a short period of time (perhaps to collect children from school or a quick visit to a neighbour) always make sure that you leave a light on and lock all doors and windows. This is particularly relevant between the hours of 2.45 - 4.00pm when many burglaries occur.

Jill Smith
Village Co-ordinator
205453

FREE GROUP THERAPY

Free Group Therapy has been available until recently only in the city of Cambridge. Now funding has been given, by the NHS, South Cambridgeshire PCT, to make this therapy more accessible to people living in the villages around Cambridge. A new group will start in Bar Hill and places are available in the existing Sawston group.

Therapy groups provide a safe and confidential setting in which people can come to terms with painful experiences such as loss, separation, breakdown or abuse. Time is set aside each week to explore thoughts and feelings together. It takes time to get to know each other well so you will have a place for up to two years. There are either one or two professionally qualified and experienced therapists in all the groups.

The possibility of knowing each other is given careful thought. Confidentiality is considered carefully and we are happy to offer free daytime places in our Cambridge City Groups.

Contact: St.Columba Group Therapy Centre, 3 Downing Place, Cambridge CB2 3EL. Phone. 01223 357221

Learning and work information and advice 'drop-in' sessions

My name is Owy, and I am a Community Information/Advice Worker, developing outreach work, principally in South Cambs.

This work involves the provision of information and advice on all aspects of learning and work. This might be more 'traditional' careers type advice, information on courses or training available locally, or referral to more specialist advice on issues related to work and learning, for example with 'special needs' or childcare, etc.

I am running some 'drop-in' sessions in Bar Hill library, fortnightly. There is only one session in February, due to annual leave, and it is on:

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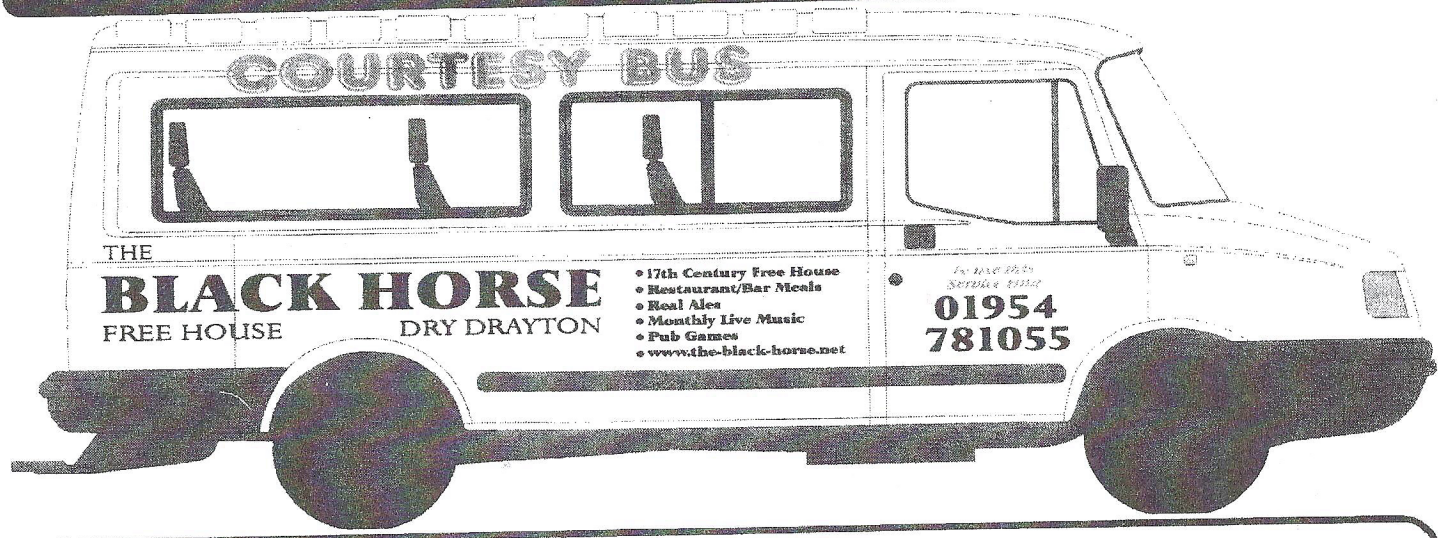

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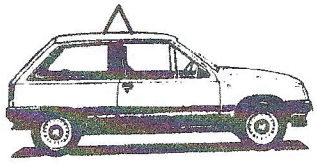

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- Recognising young peoples' achievements.

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Would you make a difference ..... please?

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Cam Sight meetings for people with Low Vision

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Do you have eye problems?

Do you know someone who has?

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Please contact Julie on Cambridge 420033

Cambridge Society for the blind and partially sighted helping people in their own community.

The Peoples Network at Bar Hill Library

If you haven't visited your local library for a while, you will see some big changes next time you call in.

Your local library has now been provided with more PC's enabling you to access a wealth of information and facilities using electronic services- anything from 'Family History to Current Affairs, in fact, a world of information awaits you!

All this is possible under the government funded 'People's Network' programme, which intends to bring easy access for everyone to the Internet and all the resources it provides. There is now no need to pre-book a machine for general browsing, and you may now use e-mailing facilities as well as a variety of Microsoft Office programmes at reasonable cost, too.

If this is all new to you, there are on-screen guides to steer you through - should you need more help, details of courses and classes are available at your library. You can reap the benefits of using the Internet to its best advantage using sites tried and tested by a team of librarians by using the libraries' 'Internet Gateway'. There are computers specially set-up with sites suitable and enjoyable for children, too - from homework sites through to instructive games.

These new facilities are available alongside all that you're used to finding in your library- an abundance of books and books on tape, for all age-groups; videos and CD's, and much more besides.

If you have Internet access at home, you can view all there is to offer by calling up the library website on www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library. So, from the days when your local library was a library near you, it's even nearer when you can browse the catalogue and place holds from home, look up information, local and national - in fact boundless information is at your fingertips.

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Look out for further details regarding our Quiz Evening scheduled for April.

If you are interested in hearing more about this up and coming society please contact:

Chairperson:

Leigh Baffa -01954 780456

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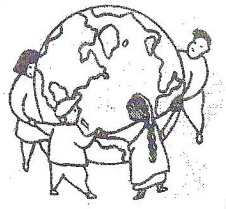
Kerryanne Birks - 01487 841161



Ladies International Group

We are a small group who welcome newcomers of all nationalities, British & overseas. Our specialities are informal outings, usually with children in tow, and hopefully, helping people feel at home. Special past events have included strawberry picking, a French meal and Chinese vegetarian meal. Just drop in to our shared lunches which happen once a month. Please ring ahead and leave your phone number if you are planning to attend.

Details : Jo Hall ***780304***
or Swee Kim ***200527***

The Royal British Legion

Bar Hill Branch

Our Treasurer was recently delighted to announce that our Poppy Appeal has now passed the £5000.00 mark and we still have over 3 months to increase this figure. This is a new record for Bar Hill and our thanks and congratulations are extended to all who helped to make this such a success.

Our New Year's party, held on January 11th in the Village Hall was attended by 20 of our members and was an excellent way to start year 2003.

The next monthly meeting will be on Thursday 27th February in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

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A belated Happy New Year to all our readers. Let us hope that it is a healthy and prosperous one for you all.

Pre-Christmas Events. Our Tinsel and Turkey holiday to Bournemouth was held from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th December, when 36 of our members enjoyed a most entertaining time. With a day out in Portsmouth, followed by a day visiting the New Forest and Winchester, then a beautiful sunny day in Bournemouth, what more could we ask for? Our driver, Tony of Tony's Coaches, helped to make the holiday one to remember.

Our Christmas Lunch, attended by over 70 members, was held at the Moat House Hotel. So well organised by our Chairman, Sid Hunt, and his hard working Committee, to whom we give our thanks. An excellent lunch, followed by a free raffle, and a present for everyone, made it a merry occasion.

We ended the year by many of us attending the Senior Citizens Carol Service at the church, with Beryl Cundy and Fred Styles doing two of the readings. The service was so well organised and conducted by the Revd. Gary Renison, and was followed by tea, coffee and mince pies.

Outings. Our first outing of the year is on Wednesday 19th February, when we visit King's Lynn calling at the Caithness Crystal Vistors' Centre. On Wednesday 12th March a party of our members will be spending a day in Norwich, including a visit to the Matinee performance of the Ice Show.

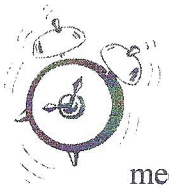
Holiday. Our Spring Holiday is being arranged for late April, when we shall be spending six days in Llandudno, with visits to many areas of north Wales, and a day in the old city of Chester. Bookings will shortly be taken.

Talks. On Monday 27th January, two Officers from the D.H.S.S. Pensions Service will be visiting the Club to give us a talk on pensions and other allowances. This should be most interesting and helpful.

Raffle. Our first raffle of the year will be held on Monday 3rd February, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Children's Ward at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Sickness. Apart from minor falls and illnesses, we have only two members a little more serious. However, both are now recovering well. Joan Tanton, who had quite a serious operation over the Christmas period, is now out of hospital and is convalescing, as is Joan Platt, who is now at home following her long spell in hospital.

Dennis Holt. 780948.



8 O'Clock Club

The 8 O'Clock Club meets on the first Thursday of each month in the School. We are a women's group and have speakers, demonstrations and outings.

Diary Dates

6th Feb. The Life of a Racehorse
6th Mar. The History of Addenbrookes Hospital

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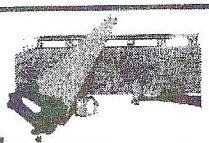

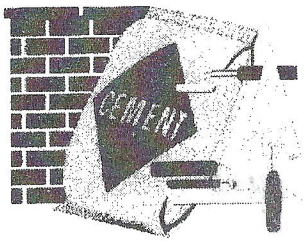

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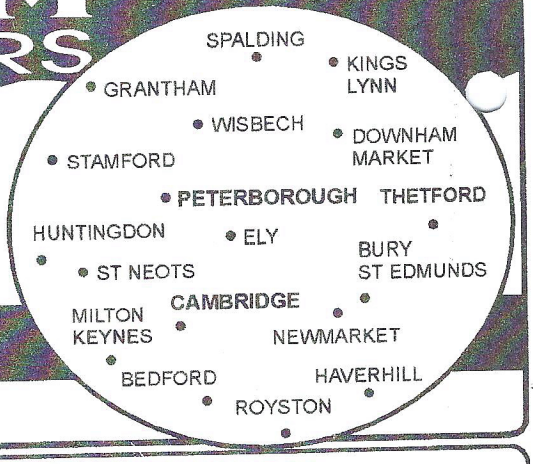

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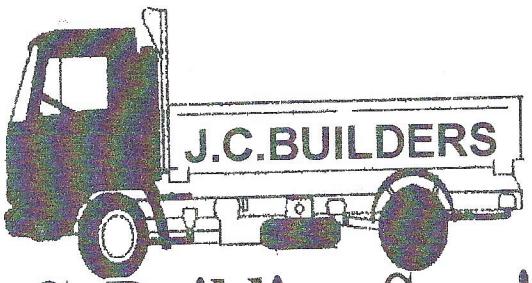

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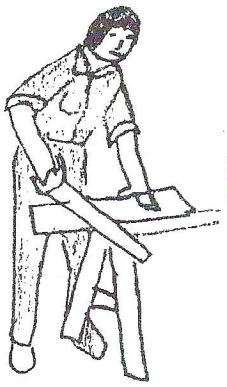

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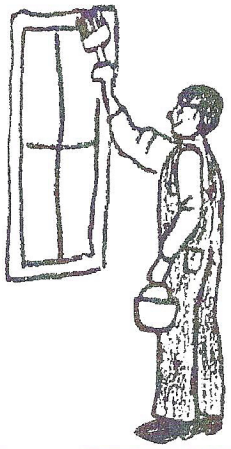

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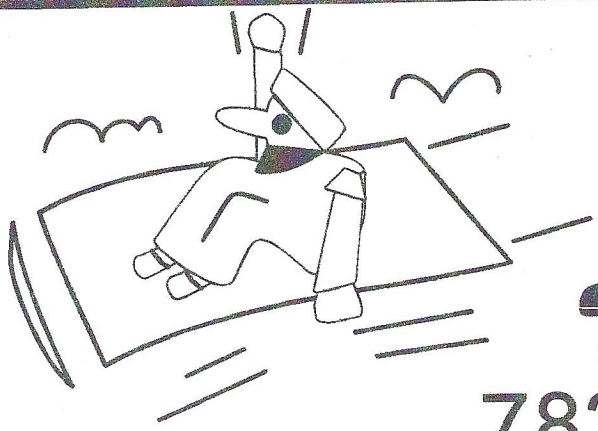

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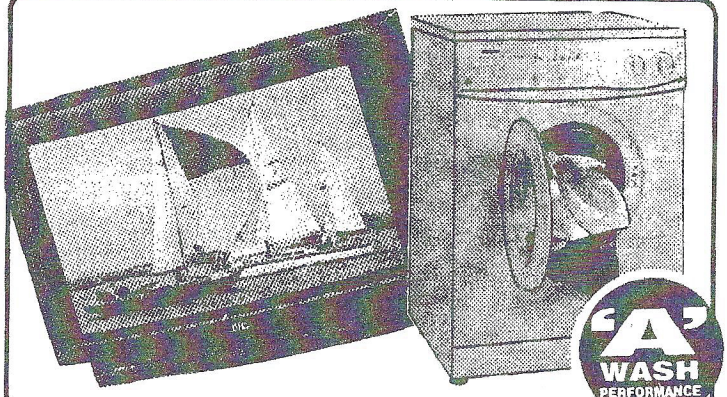

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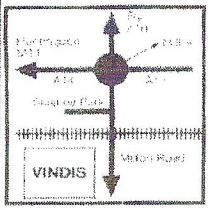

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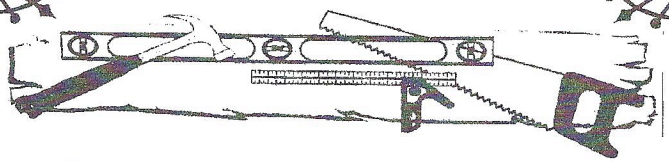

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Diary Dates

Mon. 3rd Feb. - Should Prostitution and Brothels be legalised? Discussion at: 30 Hillcrest.

Thu. 29th Feb.- Massage demonstration by Szuzsa Smith at: 6 Partridge Drive.

Mon. 3rd Mar. - Desert Island Suitcase. Which eight items (other than music) would you take? At: 55 Acorn Avenue.

Thu. 20th Mar. - Bring a piece of poetry, prose or music to describe an English garden. At : 5 Field View.

For more information please don't hesitate to contact Jennifer O'Dell **201269** or Jill Smith on **205453**

Jill Smith

Composting Club

Householders in Bar Hill can avoid the need to travel to Milton with their garden rubbish by joining Bar Hill Composting Club. We can accept grass, leaves, spent bedding plants and material suitable for shredding. **UNFORTUNATELY WE CANNOT ACCEPT KITCHEN WASTE FOR LEGAL, HEALTH-RELATED REASONS.** Membership is only £5 per annum, which covers hire of processing equipment, construction of facilities and administrative costs. Anyone interested may obtain a set of rules from Keith Morris (782441) or Peter Stockton (204874).

Found: MEN'S WATCH

Have you lost a men's watch on the astro or near it ? If so please phone Lisa on 01954 201160

Bar Hill Church Children's Activities

Power Pals - Friday 7th February

From 3.30pm until 5.00pm in the Main Church from children in Reception and years 1 and 2. A fun session to learn about Jesus through songs, stories, games and crafts. Cost £1.00 For an application form contact Melanie Stamp on 203554.

Stepping Stones - Friday 14th February

Daniel and the Lion's Den Activity Time for all babies, toddlers and pre-school children and their parents and carers. From 1.45pm to 2.45pm in the Octagon. Entrance free. Everyone welcome just to turn up for coffee and conversation for the adults and an opportunity for the children to play ending with a songs and story time. For more information please contact Marianne Langston on 200716.

Adrenaline - Friday 21st March

Date for next month for your diary! Adrenaline is a sports event for those in years 3 to 6. Please contact Jo Chappell on 200987 for more information.

Bright Sparks and Live Wires

These weekly clubs which meet in the Octagon on a Thursday offer children a chance to discover more about Jesus and the Bible through crafts, games, singing and activities.

Bright Sparks for Reception and school years 1 and 2 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

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Swavesey RADSOC

RADSOC

We are a small friendly drama group rehearsing mainly at Swavesey Village College, where we also perform our productions.

Our next production, presented by permission of Samuel French Ltd, will be

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A comedy by **Bettine Manktelow** depicting an amusingly chaotic day in the life of Alec Partridge, Manager of the Thurlow Playhouse. He has a lot to deal with: Doreta Mason, director of an amateur production of Oklahoma at the theatre, upsets the stage crew with her demands for real horses in the show; Ms Murdstone, the far from genial agent from the Arts Council, arrives to assess the theatre's eligibility for a grant; the Front of House manager's flirty ways upset Alec's secretary Val and, worst of all, Doreta's husband Clarence, bringing negotiation skills reminiscent of Attila the Hun to bear on the ever-worsening situation. All ends happily (for most of them), but not before quite a few harsh words have been spoken.

Rehearsals have just started and the play will be performed at Swavesey Village College from Thursday 24th April to Saturday 26th April 2003.

Watch this space for details of how to buy tickets.

If you would like any more information about this production, please contact Abi Pearson on 01487 841285.

Pianist Wanted

Our subsequent production will be a pantomime, for which are in need of a pianist for rehearsals and performances. If you can help with this or require further information, please contact Janet Maguire on 01954 230871

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Unfortunately, my article didn't find it's way into the last Bar Hill News so I have included the names of the award winners who picked up their trophies at the End of Season Disco. The event went well with a good attendance and all the pictures are now on the Web site. Ian Basser picked up both the 1st Team Batsman and Player of the Year award with the 1st Team Bowling award going to Richard Page. Cameron Scott dominated the Junior awards, scooping the Under 14's Batsman of the Year and Under 12's Batsman and Bowler of the Year awards. Robert Moore and Scott Stanford picked up the Under 14's Bowler and Player of the Year awards respectively whereas Ashley Eden walked away with the Under 12's Player of the Year trophy. Of the general awards, Peter Howard was voted the Most Improved Player and Peter Lemon was awarded Clubman of the Year. The Final award, the Duckman Trophy, went to Phil Pelling with an impressive 8 ducks.

This season we are again running an Adult Saturday League Team, a Sunday Friendly Team and the Under 12's & 14's Teams will move up to the Under 13's & 15's levels.

Mark Thompson has agreed to retain management of the Under 15's but, unfortunately, Julie Lemon cannot manage the Under 13's this year due to work commitments. This means we need someone to come forward and take over that role. If we cannot get someone we are faced with the possibility of disbanding the second Junior Team, which would be a great shame for the players, the Cricket Club and Bar Hill in general. An in-depth knowledge of cricket is not required as we have qualified coaches who can cover that side of the role. All that is required is someone to pick the Team and turn up to matches, which are played on a weekly basis, midweek, from May to July.

If you think you can spare a few hours a week please contact Simon Smith on 200207 or e-mail webmaster@barhillcricket.org.uk to volunteer or just to find out more about the role.

On a brighter note we have managed to book the nets at the Perse School for this years net sessions. We should have the choice of five good size nets and possibly even a bowling machine. The Committee has decided to absorb the increased costs and the net fees will remain the same as last year at £2 for adults and £1 for under 15's, students and the unemployed. The sessions will start on Sunday 9th February at 9.45am for an hour. They will be at the same time every Sunday up until the season starts, at the end of April.

If you are interested in joining Bar Hill Cricket Club then either contact the Secretary, Simon Smith on 200207 or just declare an interest on the on-line form on the Web Site (www.barhillcricket.org.uk) and someone will get back to you. Failing that just turn up at one of the net sessions.

Simon Smith
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BAR HILL FOOTBALL PROJECT

The 'PROJECT' is now well underway, and the floodlit all weather surface is proving very popular indeed. In fact the court is in constant use almost every evening, either for football training, or to support the new 'Floodlit 5-a-side League'. The **Parish Council** owned facility, is **available for hire** by clubs, organisations, or private hire for matches, or football birthday parties etc. Although, designed for football, the Project committee would very much like to see it utilised for as many different sports as possible. By now we should be **Active** Sports starting their fist **Hockey** coaching sessions for younger players in the village. If you are interested in trying out your Hockey skills, contact any of the committee for more information. We are actively persuing a wide range of other uses for the facility, but we want more! So if you have any ideas on other sports, or even if you are just looking for somewhere to play, please do give us a call anytime. If you wish to find out more about hiring the 'All Weather Court', then contact our "Bookings Secretary" **Lisa Francis** on **01954 201160**. Some of you will have already seen the new **Women's/ Girl's football sessions**, this being run in conjunction with Cambridge United. They are always looking for more girls to come and get some top class coaching from highly qualified UEFA level caoches. If you are interested, please do contact any of the committee who will point you in the right direction.

Thanks to **Mrs. White** and her team, **Bar Hill School** is also making greater use of this wonderful new facility, with **PE lessons** and after School Football coaching with **Cambridge City**. This allows me the opportunity to wish **Mr. Fleming** and his School Football Team all the best in the inter-schools tournament after reaching the second phase.

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Treasurer:	Jairo Marin	
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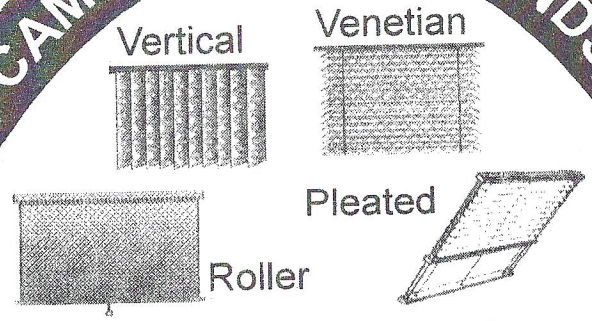

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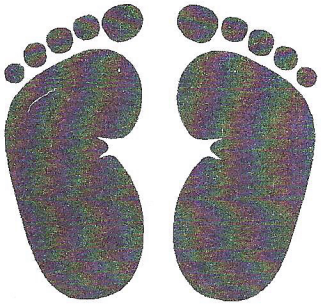

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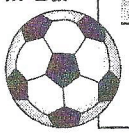
COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB

This months big news is that Bar Hill Colts together with Bar Hill Football Club have been awarded **Community Football Club Status**. There are very few clubs that achieve this status, and they are normally much bigger clubs. Special thanks go to **Paul Prime**, and **The Committee of the Adults Football Team** as they have worked hard to bring all Footballers, (young and Old), in Bar Hill closer together. The presentation took place at McDonalds on Madingly Road, with many Members from Bar Hill being in attendance. I will try and bring you a photo, and more details of the presentations in next month's BHN.



LOGO COMPETITION

Unfortunately we were not able to get the details of the competition out to everyone on time, so to give everyone a chance, we are going to keep the competition open for another couple of months. The competition is open to anyone under the age of 17. Simply design us a new logo, on a sheet of A4 paper. Put your name, age, address & telephone number on the back of your entry, and send it in to me at 66, Field View. The Cometition is free to enter, and as well as some great prizes, the winner's logo will become the Club emblem.

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FEATURE TEAM = Under 11's (ALL STARS)

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ENTERTAINMENTS

Although it seems a bit quiet on the fun front, I can assure all of you that the next event is never far away. At this time, our efforts are already being put into the **End of Season Presentation Afternoon / Evening**, when the children get to collect their very own trophies. These will take place on Saturday 24th May. More news when we have it.

FEATURE TEAM - UNDER 11's

Keith Wilson's boys, better known as The Allstars, are this month feature team. This is the team's final season at Mini League level. The Allstars have been together for 4 years. With only 9 boys, games have often been difficult with few subs. Despite this, last season saw the team make it to the last 8 in the league cup. This season they have got off to a good start, winning 6 of their first 9 games. This is no surprise as if you go and watch them play, you will surely agree, that every one of the team gives 100% effort, and enjoys every moment of every game (whatever the result). In the past two seasons, **Scott Wilson** has been top scorer in the league, with 45 goals a season (Although Keith tells me that Archie has probably cleared that many off the line!). Two of the Boys, Scott, and **Archie Lenton** have also been selected by Cambridge United, to train at their advanced school. With Keith's shift work, training is difficult, but despite all the problems, this team just keeps on fighting.

The Allstars may have to stop next year as they need more players. This will be very sad for all the boys, so more players are urgently needed. If you want to join this fun friendly team ***please get in touch now****.*

Barry Dean

Bar Hill Table Tennis Club

The Table Tennis Club meets every Tuesday evening at the school hall. The Juniors Session runs from 7:00pm till 8:00pm, The intermediates from 8:00pm till 9:00pm, and the Seniors from 8:00pm till 9:30pm. If you want to come along and enjoy a friendly game of table tennis, or if you would just like to come and see what goes on, please do contact any of the people listed, we are only too keen too help and advise. We currently have space for any adults, or teenagers who would like to come and join in the fun of a friendly evening. As I said, please feel free to contact us, on the numbers below, at any time.

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The theme of the service is:-

"Holy Spirit, Fill Us"

and has been prepared by Christian women of Lebanon. Both men and women are invited to attend and coffee will be served.

Bar Hill Church Christmas Gifts

"THANK YOU" to all who gave to the **Send a Cow charity** through the Christmas collections at the Gift & Crib Service and on Christmas Day.

The amount of £560 was given and will be used in East African countries. Although not quite enough was raised for a cow there was sufficient to fund several goats, pigs, flocks of chickens or hives of bees and provide training for the recipients as well.

Girls Football

If you are aged between 9 and 16 and enjoy playing football, come and join us at the new astro-turf football pitch at the rear of Bar Hill Primary School. Football coaching takes place on Monday evening's (Under 12's 7 to 8pm & Under 16's 8 to 9pm). The coaching sessions will hopefully improve your skill and technique, but more importantly be great fun.

The coaches will be qualified, holding either UEFA B or FA Coaching Certificate. They also have first aid and child protection certificates and have been police checked.

All we ask from you is £1 per week to cover costs. So come along, have fun and improve your skills and technique.

Training being organised in conjunction with Cambs FA, Active Sports and Bar Hill Football Project.

For further information contact Jim Hill 01223 576770 or Paul Thorby on 01954 781527.

Jogging and Running

Anyone interested in joining a small jogging/running group to go out early mornings (once the sun starts to rise at a reasonable hour), evenings or weekends, please contact Kate at 128 Appletrees, tel. 205723 or by email at astro_kgi@hotmail.com. There seem to be an increasing number of people looping the loop and jogging around Bar Hill. It would be great to get a group to run together, perhaps to work towards some 10k races, to enter next year's charity Chariots of Fire race round Cambridge, but most importantly for enjoyment and to stay fit!

Please get in touch if this appeals, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kate Isaak

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BAR HILL TENNIS CLUB

The new tennis season is rapidly approaching and we are all hoping for a long hot summer! Before the new season begins we invite all existing but particularly potential new members to our Annual General Meeting.

This will be held at 8.00pm on Monday 24 March in the Studio Community room at Bar Hill School and everyone is welcome. Please come along even if you only want to know a little more about the Club and whether tennis might be for you

We play on our own floodlit courts behind the School and welcome players of all abilities. We play socially for fun and to keep fit and also run teams competing in the local league. We have a very active junior section with coaching provided for the youngsters. We normally expect to start our season late April/early May depending on the weather and have plenty of court hours available for members outside the normal Club nights.

Please join us on the 24 March or for more details contact :

Geoff Brock (Chairman) 780846
Nik Handley 782267
John Suchocki 780461
Paul Chubbuck 781688

Let's play HOCKEY

Come and join a hockey coaching course

- Where? Astro turf on village green.
- Who? Under 12 girls and boys
- When? Wednesday's until 8th April
- Time? 4.30pm - 5.30pm
- Cost? £10.00 for the course (Concessions available)

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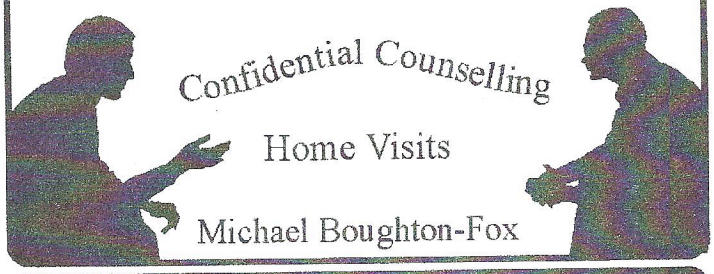

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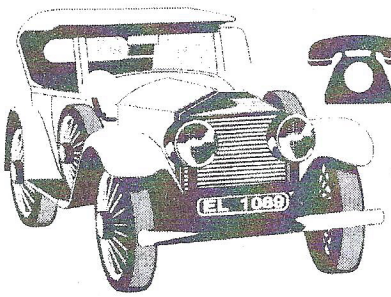

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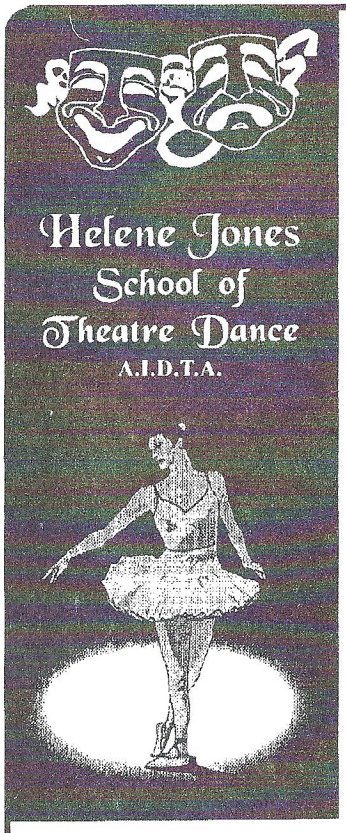

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	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer	
Sun 9th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
	10.00 am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Rev Paul Rush Leaders: 'Desert Disciples'
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison Leaders: Heather Smethurst & Melanie Stamp
Sun 16th	10.00 am	Worship Service & Holy Communion	
	6.30 pm	Informal Worship	Preacher: Mrs Kate Aylmer
Sun 23rd	10.00 am	Family Service	Preacher: Rev Paul Rush
	6.30pm	Quiet Communion	
Wed 26th	10.00 am	Mid-week Communion	

People to contact:
The Minister: Rev Gary Renison **781629** The Assistant Minister: Rev Paul Rush **204812**
Church Administrator: Mrs. Claire Thorby (Tel. & Fax **206120**)

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs

Hills Road Cambridge (the Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest:	Mgr. Tony Rogers	**01223 350787**
Deacons:	Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop & Tony Sutton	
Local contact:	Bunty Waters	**201421**

Mass at Bar Hill Church Centre	Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sunday
Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge	Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8am & 12.15 pm Tue: 8am & 7.30 pm Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sundays also 5pm at The Ark, Cambourne and 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre
Holydays of Obligation:	8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation:	Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass) Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

For many people, February means one special date. The greetings-card industry and TV will again conspire to ensure that the 14th of the month will fill their coffers as we all indulge in romance. There's nothing particularly wrong with this - I proposed to my wife on 14th February (although she wasn't actually there at the time, but that's another story).

However, this year, the 14th will pale into insignificance as far as I am concerned because of the great day which is to follow. Yes, this year the 15th of February marks the start of the greatest sporting event of the year - the 6 nations rugby championship. Rugby Union is one of the few sports in which England is the best in the world (at the time of writing). The titanic struggle of consumate skill, brute strength and indefatigable courage that Rugby Union represents for me is unmatchable.

I remember watching the England Australia match in the Autumn and ending up feeling both elated and emotionally drained due to the narrowness of England's victory. Others, I know find similar emotional highs and lows watching other versions of the football game or other sports entirely - I remember how quiet the shops were during the Soccer World Cup last year!

So why is it like this? Why this almost religious fervour directed at what (in one's saner moments) would be admitted to be just a game? Why does it matter? I think it's to do with identifying with something bigger. The fanatical support of a football club or indeed of a nation in the *6 nations* gives us a chance to be part of something which we can share with others - a community of hope almost praying for victory over a common foe. It takes us out of ourselves and makes us part of a movement. The joys are thus community joys and the sorrows are amplified because they too, are shared with others - the dashed hopes of an unexpected defeat.

This too is a good thing. Unlike the USA, we don't pledge alliegence to our flag and we can be remarkably down-beat about the country we own as home. The sense of community, of shared hopes and dreams, of belonging together is at a very low ebb within todays' Britain (and particularly England). We have (almost literally) bought the lie that we are all individuals. But our God-given hunger for community and identity resurfaces during these sporting events and, if kept within sensible bounds, we are all the better for it.

In the Bible, St Paul called the newly-formed Christian Church to be 'the body of Christ' - a community of the faithful working and acting together to mirror something of the love that God showed us in Jesus. The Church has not always been faithful to this calling, but at it's best it can begin to model the sort of community God calls us all to be, looking not just after one's own interests, but being part of something larger, united in the hope that Christ gives us - a hope that will not let us down like sporting teams frequently do!

The Rev'd Paul Rush

What's On

Feb				
Mon	3rd	8.00pm	NWR "Should Prostitution and Brothels be legalised?"	30 Hillcrest
Thu	6th	8.00pm	8 O'Clock Club "The Life of a Racehorse"	School
Fri	7th		Hanna Vine (The Entertainer)	Social Club
Fri	7th	3.30pm	Power Pals	Church
Tue	11th	8.00pm	Residents' Association	School
Fri	14th	1.45pm	Daniel in the lion's den activity time	Church
Mon	17th	7.30pm	Wildlife Trust - Wildlife Management on the Greensand Ridge	Over Town Hall Contact 230991 or 203053
Thu	20th	8.00pm	NWR Massage Demonstration	6 Partridge Drive
Sat	22nd		Karaoke with Dee	Social Club
Wed	26th	12:00pm	Ladies International Group Shared Lunch	100 The Spinney
Wed	26th	2.00pm	Cam Sight	Church
Thu	27th	7.30pm	Royal British Legion	Village Hall
Fri	28th		Running on Empty (Male Duo)	Social Club
Mar				
Mon	3rd	8.00pm	NWR Desert Island Suitcase	55 Acorn Avenue
Thu	6th	8.00pm	8 O'Clock Club "The History of Addenbrooke's Hospital"	School
Fri	14th		Angel Morgan (Female Vocal Entertainer)	Social Club
Sat	15th	2.00pm	Toy Library Nearly New Sale	Church Meetings Room
Mon	17th	7.30pm	Wildlife Trust - The Story of Hinchingbrooke Country Park and its utposts as safe havens for wildlife	Over Town Hall Contact 230991 or 203053
Fri	21st		Adrenaline Sports event	
Sat	22nd		Karaoke with Dee	Social Club
Mon	24th	8.00pm	Tennis Club AGM	School
Wed	26th	2.00pm	Cam Sight	Church
Apr				
Wed	2nd	8.00pm	Tots & Teds AGM	Church Meetings Room
Sat	5th		PTA Nearly New Sale	School
Wed	16th	10.00am	Tots & Teds Sponsored Easter ostacle race	Church Meetings Room

Bar Hill School PTA have arranged a

Nearly New Sale

on

Saturday 5th April 2003

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- **Jigsaw puzzles**
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- **Computer games**
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